

## GROUND IS BROKEN NEW SMELTER UNDER WAY

Last Vestige of Doubt Removed  
When Dirt Begins to Fly on  
the Site of Two Million  
Dollar Plant at the  
Stockyards

## STEEL WORK STARTS IN MAY

Main Line of Railroad is Being Moved  
to Make Room for Enlarged  
Railroads Yards.

A new station was placed upon the map of the A. & N. M. Railway last Monday morning. Its name is "Smelter" and will be more familiarly known to Cliftonites as the Stockyards. It is the site chosen for the new reduction plant of the Arizona Copper Company, Ltd., and the actual construction work was begun last Monday morning and at present not less than one hundred and fifty men are employed and additional workmen are being added to the working force daily.

On Saturday last O. J. Cotey, contractor, who has been engaged in doing some railroad work in the vicinity of Longfellow, received notice to move his outfit to the stockyards below Clifton and be ready to break ground on the following Monday. The notice was rather short but the contractor, with a force of men, was on the ground at the appointed time. The first work begun by Mr. Cotey was the moving of the main line of the A. & N. M., at the new site, forty feet farther east. This work requires blasting and will probably take thirty days to complete. At the same time the railroad work was started, James Kilsby with a force of company men, appeared upon the ground and commenced the grading work for the new smelter. Temporary buildings are being erected for office headquarters, repair shop and temporary power house for rock crushing etc. Work also has been commenced on the depot at Smelter and trains now make regular stops at the new station.

Mr. Flynn, of the A. C. Co., is the superintendent in charge of the construction work at the new site and instructions are to hurry the work with all speed. The morning train out of Clifton is loaded with workmen bound for Smelter and at five o'clock in the evening a stub train leaves Clifton to bring the force to town.

The contract for the steel work has been let in the east and is expected to be in course of construction before the first of May.

It is estimated that before the reduction plant shall have been completed more than two million dollars will have been expended by the A. C. Co.

The news that ground had been broken at the new smelter site was hailed with delight by the public in general. The final location of the smelter at the stockyards appears to have been satisfactory all around. The effect of beginning the new work has already been felt in business circles and the general opinion is that the year 1912 will be the best year in a business way in the history of Clifton.

## SALVATION ARMY TABERNACLE

Official Opening Will Take Place on  
the Evening of January 23.

After some delay and much hard work Lieutenant Grabholder, of the Salvation Army, who has been stationed in Clifton during the past six months, has succeeded in erecting a local tabernacle, a frame and tent structure, located in Chase Creek, opposite the Casino building.

On the evening of January 23, (Tuesday) the tabernacle will be formally dedicated. Col. H. C. Lee, division commander of Denver, Colo., will be present accompanied by other division officers, and will conduct the services. Other meetings are being arranged to follow during the week, when local pastors will take part. A cordial invitation to the public is extended to be present at these meetings.

## LOYAL ORDER OF MOOSE

Local Lodge Instituted in Clifton with  
110 Charter Members.

A local lodge of the Loyal Order of Moose was instituted in Clifton this week with 110 charter members and the local officers announce that sixty additional new members will be taken in at the next meeting. The Casino hall has been secured for a meeting place and the Moose will hold their regular meetings on each Saturday evening. The officers of the new lodge for the first year are: Past Dictator W. M. Moberly, of Morenci; Dictator, Chas. Krueger; Vice Dictator, Chas. Chesterfield; Prelate, L. W. Hoyt; Secretary, S. C. Swift; Treasurer, Tom J. Carroll; Sergeant at Arms, Walter Tappin.

## ERICKSON WILL HAVE HEARING

Upon a complaint sworn to by District Attorney Horton J. M. Erickson, of Morenci, will have a preliminary hearing before the Justice Court at Morenci on Saturday on charges of fraud and obtaining money under false pretenses. Five charges have been filed against Erickson and he has been at liberty on bail pending his preliminary hearing. It is alleged that Erickson has accepted money as a retainer for attorney's fees in matters to come before the district court when he is not a practicing attorney, and that he has sold the same parcel of land to two different parties. The complaint was made to the district attorney by parties at Morenci.

## NEW TELEPHONE LINE WILL BE BUILT IMMEDIATELY

Most of the Material is Already  
On the Ground and Connection  
With Los Angeles  
Will Be Had Shortly

General Manager Hinchcliffe, of the Consolidated Telephone Co. of Arizona with headquarters at Tucson, of which the local telephone service is a part, was a business visitor to Clifton this week. Mr. Hinchcliffe was here looking over the local situation in a business way and expressed himself well pleased with the outlook for increased business during the year 1912. Mr. Hinchcliffe stated to an Era man that the material was on the ground for commencing the long distance connection with copper wire from Safford to Clifton and that he expected to place Clifton in long distance connection with Los Angeles and San Francisco within the next ninety days. The Consolidated Telephone Company has spent more than \$400,000 in betterment and extensions in Arizona during the past two years, working from the western boundary to the east.

The long distance connection with the through wire to Los Angeles will be made through Safford and Bowie Station. In the near future there will be only one central station in the Gila valley, located at Safford, and all other switch boards in the valley abolished. A citizen of Clifton desires to talk to anyone in the Gila valley having a phone will be given the connection through the Central office at Safford.

## TRAFFIC MEN HERE

A party of El Paso & Southwestern traffic men were in Clifton on Monday last coming from Douglas in three special cars. The party was the guest of A. T. Thomson, Traffic Manager of the A. & N. M., on a sightseeing trip over the Coronado Railway Monday afternoon.

## VISITING IN DOUGLAS.

Mr. and Mrs. Lamar Cobb and Mr. and Mrs. Todd were guests of Mr. and Mrs. A. T. Thomson on the private car Arizona Friday morning en route to Douglas to spend the week end and are expected back home Sunday evening.

## WILL BUILD NEW WALL

Work will be commenced on a new retaining wall to be built by the A. C. Co., from the bridge on the East Side north to the point of rocks.

## CLUB DANCE FRIDAY NIGHT.

On account of the entertainment to be held on Saturday evening at the Armory the Clifton Club dance next week will be held on Friday evening, January 26th.

## CONTRACT LET FOR BUILDING DUNCAN WAGON BRIDGE

Resolution Passed Deposing E. C. Heck as Superintendent of Court House Construction and Position Given Jack Farrell

## YORK-DUNCAN ROAD ACCEPTED

Board of Supervisors Instruct District Attorney to Proceed Against F. A. Sanders If He Attempts to Examine Records

The Board of Supervisors were in special session on Monday last and concluded their session on Wednesday afternoon after the transaction of much business of importance to the county. The contract for building the wagon bridge across the Gila at Duncan was awarded, also the contract for printing and advertising for the year. The wagon road between York and Duncan was viewed and accepted according to contract with a reduction of \$200.00 on the contract price. The court house bonds were sold, but later the sale was revoked, on account of a misunderstanding on the part of the Board, and other matters of routine nature disposed of.

The first matter taken up by the Board Monday morning was the awarding of the contract for the building of the wagon bridge across the Gila river at Duncan to cost not more than sixteen thousand dollars according to the plans and specifications adopted by the Board at a previous session. The contract went to the El Paso Bridge & Iron Co., at \$15,975.00. Three other bidders were present, but there was only a small difference between the bids. A bond for the full amount of the contract price was required by the board and the time limit for the completion of the bridge was fixed at six months from date.

Henry Hill, of Clifton, was the only bidder for the purchase of the Court House Bonds of Greenlee County. His bid was par and the bonds were awarded to him. Within an hour after the award was made however, John M. Webster, county treasurer, appeared before the Board and raised the question of the validity of the sale on the ground that the law provides that the Treasurer, and not the Board must make the sale of the bonds. The original motion was reconsidered and the sale of the bonds will be made by the Treasurer on February 3.

In compliance with the request of the Board of Supervisors of Gila and Graham counties and members of the Good Roads Association, of Arizona, the Board on Monday afternoon appropriated Two Hundred Dollars from the immigration fund toward defraying the expenses of Dell M. Potter in attending the Federal Aid Convention which is in session at Washington, D. C.

Jack Holeman, contractor, who was awarded the contract for building the wagon road from York to Duncan, appeared before the Board and stated that the contract had been completed, in accordance with the plans and specifications, and in addition that the contractors had performed additional work not called for in the contract; that the road was completed and should be accepted by the Board. S. F. Awalt, County Road Superintendent, was present and made the statement that an additional mile of road had been built by the contractors, than called for by the contract, but that he did not wish to accept the road on his own responsibility and asked that the Board appoint a competent engineer to go over the road, or that the Board of Supervisors view the work. A protest was on file with the Board from citizens of Duncan, asking them to send a competent engineer to view the work, but the Board decided that they would view the road and left Tuesday morning for that purpose, returning Tuesday afternoon on the train. After the Board returned a session was held and after deducting \$200 from the contract price the demand in full for the construction of the road was allowed.

The county printing and publishing was awarded to the lowest bidder on each item advertised for. The publishing of the minutes of the Board and legal notices was awarded to the

Copper Era and this paper will continue to be the official paper of the county. The printing was awarded the Duncan Arizonan, Copper Era and Maverick-Clark & Co., of San Antonio Texas, according to the items on which each was the lowest bidder. Objection was made to the consideration of the bid of Maverick-Clarke & Co., on the ground that the statutes provide that the county printing must be awarded within the county and Territory. The Board was so advised by the District Attorney but his advice was disregarded. Another objection to the consideration of the bid of Maverick-Clarke & Co. was made for the reason that the bid of the Texas printing house was not signed and legally there was no bid received from that concern. This objection was also overruled and the contract awarded as above stated.

E. C. Heck, who in the beginning of the court house construction, was named by the Board as the superintendent, was on Tuesday deposed as the superintendent on the ground that he had not complied with the requirements of his position. The motion was carried by Members Webster and Billingsley voting aye and Chairman Coper not voting. At a later session, upon motion by B. F. Billingsley, seconded by George Webster, all members voting aye Jack Farrell was appointed to the position of superintendent at a compensation of five per cent of the contract price less the amount already expended upon the contract. This action was taken contrary to the advice of the District Attorney.

J. J. Kelly, who had been appointed by the Board of Supervisors as County Auditor, and who has been employed for the past few weeks in making an audit of the accounts and records of the county, presented his report to the Board which was accepted and ordered spread upon the minutes.

S. F. Awalt was ordered to straighten the Clifton-Morenci road just above the dairy.

Four lots adjoining the original court house site were purchased by the Board, at the price named by the appraisers, and deed given by Henry Hill to the county.

The determination of the Board to prevent F. A. Sanders from making an audit of the County records was manifested by the following resolution passed unanimously by the Board.

## Resolution.

Upon motion by Geo. Webster, seconded by B. F. Billingsley, and carried unanimously the following resolution was adopted:

Resolved, that in view of the fact that Mr. F. A. Sanders, has defaced and altered the records of Greenlee County, Territory of Arizona, while representing the Arizona Copper Company, Ltd., and other Companies as auditor of the County Records, it is hereby declared that the opinion of this Board is that Mr. F. A. Sanders is not a fit nor proper person to handle the County records, and it is further the opinion of this Board that if the various companies or any other person paying taxes in Greenlee County desire to place a representative for the purpose of examining, inspecting and auditing the records of the County they should be permitted to do so, and so long as such auditor conducts himself in a proper manner he should be shown the proper and due courtesy by all County officials, and it is further the opinion of this Board that if said companies will place as their representative a suitable person to act as examiner of the County records no county official will care in the least, and it is further hereby ordered that a copy of this resolution be mailed by the clerk of the Board of Supervisors to the various Companies interested; and it is further ordered that if the said F. A. Sanders persists in a further examination of the County records that the District Attorney immediately take legal steps necessary to prevent the said F. A. Sanders from any further inspection or examination of county records.

The Board adjourned on Wednesday afternoon until February 6th.

## CHAMBER OF COMMERCE BANQUET

Arrangements have been completed for giving the first annual dollar banquet by the Clifton Chamber of Commerce on Thursday evening next at the Clifton Hotel. Dr. L. A. W. Burch, President of the organization, will preside. The list of invited speakers for the occasion includes John R. Hampton, C. E. Mills, Hon. L. amar Cobb, John Christy, Col. M. J. Egan and A. T. Thomson. Plates will be laid for eighty and already more than forty tickets have been disposed of.

## COPPER-GAL ONE GOLD AND SILVER MINING IN THE UNITED STATES IN 1911

Preliminary Statement by the United States Geological Survey.

## Decreased Gold Production

The gold mining industry was generally active in 1911, but early figures indicate a total production for the United States and Alaska slightly below the output of 1910. The most notable features of the industry in 1911, according to H. D. McCaskey, of the United States Geological Survey, were the resumption of normal labor conditions in the Black Hills of South Dakota, the increased dredge output in California, development of production in the new Innoko-Iditarod placer region of Alaska and the Republic district of Washington, continued development and prosperity of the great Goldfield (Nevada) and Treadwell (Alaska) mines, normal conditions also on the Mother Lode, in California, improvement in metallurgical methods, and general increase in activity at many small deep and placer mines. Renewed interest in prospecting was shown in Colorado, although the gold output of the State decreased owing to the gradual exhaustion of several large ore bodies and to continued small decrease in production from the great Cripple Creek camp.

In addition to the yields from placers and gold siliceous and pyritic ores, notable contributions to the gold production were made from copper, lead, and mixed ores, particularly in Utah and Arizona, the mining of which was also generally prosperous in 1911. Notwithstanding a decreased output of copper in some states, due in part as in Montana, to prearranged curtailment, the total production of copper was greater in 1911 than in any previous year except 1909. The output of lead and of mixed ores was also notably heavy in 1911.

Increases in output of gold are indicated by early figures published by the Director of the Mint as follows: Idaho, \$133,361; Nevada, \$94,878; New Mexico, \$162,697; South Dakota, \$2,050,167; and Utah \$397,047. Decreases are estimated of \$268,824 in Alaska, \$458,410 in Arizona, \$130,413 in California, \$1,372,640 in Colorado \$550,550 in Montana, \$82,165 in Oregon and \$301,463 in Washington.

Information from the mines, however, indicate that final figures of production and of exports of ore smelted in British Columbia and Mexico will show increases in gold output from Alaska, Arizona, and Washington.

The great bulk of the gold production from deep mines is derived from ore treated at gold and silver amalgamation mills and cyanide plants, a much smaller quantity being produced by smelting crude ore and concentrates. Nearly a quarter of the total output is still coming from gravels of placer mines, mainly by dredging in California and drifting in Alaska.

Preliminary figures of the Director of the Mint indicate a total domestic gold output of \$96,233,528 in 1911, against \$96,269,100 in 1910.

According to estimates made by the Bureau of Statistics the imports in 1911 comprised gold valued at \$11,150,000 in foreign ore \$29,300,00 in foreign bullion, \$5,750,000 in United States coin and \$10,050,000 in foreign coin—a total of \$56,250,000. The gold exported in 1911 was valued at \$500,000 in domestic ores, \$8,050,000 in domestic bullion \$30,000,000 in United States coin, and \$2,250,000 in foreign coin—a total of \$40,800,000. The excess of imports over exports was about \$15,500,000 indicating a marked change from the conditions in 1910, when the excess of imports over exports was \$447,696, and also from those in 1909, when the excess of exports was \$88,793,855.

The gold imported in 1911 was mainly in the form of ore and bullion, and came chiefly from Mexico, although considerable gold is received from Canada every year and smaller amounts from the Central and South American countries, and in 1911 a large quantity of gold was imported from Japan. The exports consisted largely of gold coin and went chiefly to Canada, although smaller shipments were also made to France, South America, the West Indies, and Japan.

## Increased Silver Production

The silver-mining industry as such is of relatively small importance in the United States, according to H. D. McCaskey, of the United States Geological Survey, but the domestic silver production, depending largely upon the output of gold, silver-gold, copper and

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## ARRESTED FOR GAMBLING PLEAD GUILTY AND ARE FINED

Early Day Scenes Are Again Enacted For a Short Space of Time Until District Attorney Takes a Hand.

For approximately twenty-four hours this week, early day scenes, when public gambling was not contrary to the statute made and provided, were again enacted in Clifton. The particular scene which was later rehearsed in the Justice Court, was laid in a room adjoining the Dew Drop Saloon in Chase Creek. According to eye witnesses there was roulette, faro bank, monte, craps, black jack, etc, in full swing and on the two nights the tiger came out of its lair the gambling room was crowded to its limit.

On the third day District Attorney Horton took a hand in the games. On information and belief he proceeded to the court of Justice Moder and swore out warrants against G. W. Jordan, Chas. Alexander, Tom Greene, Jobe Atkins, Clarence Morgan, John Doe and Richard Doe, charging them with violation of Chapter VII of the Revised Statutes of Arizona. Later the defendants appeared in court and plead guilty to the complaint and were fined ten dollars and costs which was paid in each and every case.

During the week the District Attorney has had printed placards citing the anti-gambling law in this territory. These placards have been posted in several local resorts about town and the District Attorney has made the announcement that gambling in any form, prohibited by our statutes, will be suppressed and that the next offense coming under his notice will be dealt with to the full extent of the law.

## LOS ANGELES MAN HERE MAKING GOOD ROAD MAPS

Came Overland From Los Angeles in Twenty Horse Power Ford in Interest of Good Roads.

C. D. Hamilton of Los Angeles, driving a 20 Horse Power Ford car, arrived in Clifton the first part of the week, having come from Los Angeles overland via San Diego, Brawley, Yuma, Phoenix, Globe and the Gila Valley.

Mr. Hamilton is driving his car through the State under the auspices of the Arizona Good Roads Association and is engaged in making illustrated maps of the state roads east and west through Arizona as a guide to automobile parties. These road maps will be printed in booklets with illustrations of buildings and familiar landmarks along the way and in addition Mr. Hamilton is securing the cooperation of business men in each town to defray the expense of a brief description of the resources of each town and county.

Mr. Hamilton reports great enthusiasm throughout southern Arizona in favor of good roads and that in each town the Chambers of Commerce and the Boards of Supervisors of each county are lending the movement all assistance they can both financially and by personal efforts.

## WOULD MAKE GOOD MEMBER

The announcement is made by the friends of Baylor Shannon, who owns a cattle ranch on Eagle creek in this county, that he will be an applicant for the appointment as member of the Live Stock Sanitary Board when Governor Hunt takes his office. By his long experience in the cattle business, Mr. Shannon would make a splendid member of the Board and it is hoped that Governor Hunt will see his way clear to give one member of the Board to this county.

## VISITOR FROM TENNESSEE

Miss Josephine Landera, of Nashville, Tenn., is a visitor in Clifton, the guest of Mrs. E. V. Horton.